



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 27, 2016  
Schedule 10**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2016**

**HB 309** Delegate Busch, et al

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACT OF 2016**

Requiring that in specified fiscal years specified amounts be provided as an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System to be used to support the transition of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center to operation as a participating Institution of the University of Maryland Medical System; requiring that State and Prince George’s County funds be used only for access to critical health care services in a specified region of the State; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, § 19-2401 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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**HB 310 Delegate Dumais****DIVORCE – SEPARATION AGREEMENT – CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY**

Repealing provisions establishing that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff's testimony that the separation was voluntary under specified circumstances; and establishing that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff's testimony that the separation was mutual under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 8-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 311 Delegate K. Young, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing the maximum amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified retirement income of an individual who is at least 70 years old or who is totally disabled; providing that the amount of the subtraction modification may not exceed specified amounts during specified taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 312 Delegate Saab, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – RENEWAL OF HANDGUN PERMITS – FINGERPRINTING**

Specifying that a person who applies for the renewal of a handgun permit is not required to be fingerprinted except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-309(b) - amended and § 5-309(c) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 313 Delegate Saab, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for materials, parts, or equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of aircraft if the materials, parts, or equipment are installed on the aircraft.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 314 Delegate Atterbeary, et al****PEACE ORDERS – GROUNDS FOR RELIEF**

Adding misuse of telephone facilities and equipment, misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service, revenge porn, and visual surveillance to the list of offenses alleged to have been committed by a respondent against a victim for which a peace order request or a peace order petition may be filed under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-8A-19.1 and 3-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 315 Delegates Szeliga and Kelly****INCOME TAX – ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE PENALTY**

Reducing the State income tax rates imposed on married couples filing a joint income tax return and for specified individuals with income between \$150,000 and \$500,000; increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for specified exemptions for married couples and specified individuals to twice the amount allowed as a deduction for specified individuals; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 316 Delegates Szeliga and Moon****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LIVE AND ARCHIVED VIDEO STREAMING OF MEETINGS**

Requiring the General Assembly to make available to the public specified video streaming of specified meetings of the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates of Maryland, and specified standing committees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 317 Delegate S. Howard, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – ASSAULT WEAPONS – REPLACEMENTS**

Authorizing a person to replace a lost or broken assault weapon that was lawfully possessed in accordance with specified provisions of law if the replacement is registered with the Secretary of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 318 Delegate Jacobs, et al****KENT COUNTY – FISHERIES – USE OF HAUL SEINES**

Authorizing in Kent County a person to catch gizzard shad, also known as mud shad, carp, or catfish with a haul seine during the period from Friday midnight until sunrise on Monday under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, § 4-713 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 319 Delegate Jacobs, et al****OYSTERS AND CLAMS – DREDGING BY AUXILIARY YAWL – AUTHORIZED BOATS**

Clarifying that specified provisions of law governing dredging by use of an auxiliary yawl apply only to specified boats; establishing specified standards for dredge boats that harvest oysters and clams by use of an auxiliary yawl; repealing the requirement that specified persons attach specified numbers to specified boats in a specified manner; and making a technical correction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 320 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – SMALL BUSINESS TAX CREDIT**

Altering specified requirements for an existing business entity in Frederick County to qualify for a specified property tax credit imposed on real property owned or leased by the business entity; altering the definition of “full-time position” to increase the number of hours and period of time individuals must be employed and to require a payment of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage; altering the percentage of the property tax credit authorized in specified taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-312(i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 321 Delegate S. Howard, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Establishing for archery hunters in Anne Arundel County a safety zone of 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 322 Delegate Afzali****FREDERICK COUNTY – FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE ON MARYLAND ROUTE 75 – PENALTY**

Increasing to \$10,000 the maximum penalty for failure to obey a traffic control device governing the height of vehicles traveling on Maryland Route 75 between Baldwin Road and Maryland Route 80 in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 27-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 323 Delegates Krimm and K. Young****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – EMERGENCY FAMILY SERVICES SHELTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Emergency Family Services Shelter, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 324 Delegate Kittleman, et al****EDUCATION – MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – CIVICS TEST REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a student to take and achieve a passing score on a civics test that consists of the 100 questions used for the civics portion of the Naturalization Test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; requiring, on or before the first day of the 2017–2018 school year, the State Board to determine the means of providing each high school student an opportunity to take the required civics test; requiring a student to answer correctly at least 60% of the civics test questions to receive a passing score; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 7-205.1 - added and LE, §§ 11-807(b) and 11-808 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 325**     **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – NUTRIENT CREDIT PURCHASES**

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of cost-effective nitrogen and phosphorous nutrient credits in support of the efforts by the State to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay; and requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Natural Resources when adopting specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) and (l) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 326**     **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS LENDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION**

Expanding the areas in which the Neighborhood Business Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to provide financial assistance; authorizing the Maryland Housing Fund and the Community Development Administration in the Department to provide financial assistance to specified business projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HS, Various Sections - amended and §§ 3-201(b), 4-201(b), and 4-223 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 327 Delegate Korman****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REFORM ACT**

Providing that not more than three commissioners of the Public Service Commission may be of the same political party; providing that not more than two commissioners may be from a single county; providing that the appointment of a commissioner is subject to specified restrictions on appearing before the Commission or receiving specified benefits for 1 year before the appointment; requiring the Commission to conduct at least two customer service meetings each year in different regions of the State; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, §§ 2-102, 2-108, 2-110, 2-114, 2-306, and 7-302 and EC, § 14-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 328 Delegate Hill, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Good Shepherd Services for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Good Shepherd School, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 329 Delegate Dumais****CHILDREN – FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – ADVERTISING AND PENALTIES**

Requiring advertisements for specified child care services to include specified information; authorizing specified employees of the State Department of Education or a law enforcement official to visit and serve a civil citation to specified child care homes and child care centers if the child care home or child care center is advertised and is not registered or licensed with the Department; authorizing specified law enforcement officers to serve a specified civil citation under specified circumstances; altering penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, §§ 5-501(c) and 5-574(e) through (g) - added, § 5-551(c)(10) - repealed, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 330 Delegate Jones, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – PROCUREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF SCHOOL PROJECTS**

Making specified provisions of law concerning the advertising for bids for procurements costing more than \$25,000 applicable to construction or repair for public school projects in the State; and including construction and repair services under provisions of law concerning the award of procurement contracts, as specified.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 1-101 and 5-112 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 331 Delegate Stein****PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Altering the funds under Program Open Space that are authorized to be used for specified capital improvements under specified circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 5-903(g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 332 Delegate Lafferty, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

Requiring specified producers or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment on or before April 1, 2017, in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve specified plans, including a specified assessment; prohibiting the sale of specified architectural paint under specified circumstances beginning October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-1701, 9-1702, and 9-1707(f) - amended and § 9-1733 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 333 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EMPLOYMENT OF ETHNIC MINORITIES AND WOMEN UNDER PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AT BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT**

Establishing the Commission to Study the Employment of Ethnic Minorities and Women Under Procurement Contracts at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation; requiring the Commission to review, assess, and examine specified matters and to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 334 Delegates Valentino–Smith and B. Wilson****CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from smoking or consuming marijuana in a public place or in a vehicle located on a highway, in a parking lot, or in an area accessible to the public; prohibiting a person from being impaired by marijuana and endangering the safety of the person, another person, or property; and establishing a specified penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 335 Delegate Lierman****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS – CONTRIBUTIONS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by specified individuals to specified college savings accounts subject to specified limitations; defining specified terms; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-208(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 336 Delegate Vallario, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

Altering the types of crimes for which specified property is subject to forfeiture; authorizing the forfeiture of specified property under specified circumstances; prohibiting a law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority from transferring or referring seized property to a federal government agency or law enforcement authority for forfeiture under federal law unless specified conditions are met; authorizing a defendant or third party to file a motion for replevin in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 12-102(a), 12-103, and 12-203 - amended and §§ 12-203.1, 13-601, and 13-602 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 337 Delegate Long****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling that is located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who made substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed at a higher value; requiring the credit to equal the amount of the county property tax attributable to the improvements made to the property multiplied by a specified percentage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-305(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 338 Delegate Carey****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BROADNECK HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bruin Athletic Boosters Club, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Broadneck High School Field House, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 339 Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS – ACCRUAL OF INTEREST**

Providing that, for Charles County, the interest on property tax refunds paid after a final determination of an appeal shall begin to accrue when the county receives notification of the final determination.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 14-612 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 340 Delegate Tarlau, et al****PROPERTY TAX – RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**

Excluding the cash value of qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of “assets” for purposes of specified renters’ property tax relief; altering the calculation of the amount of property tax relief provided to specified renters by altering the calculation of combined income of a renter; increasing, from \$750 to \$1,000, the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-102(a)(2), (h), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 341 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DISPROPORTIONATE JUSTICE IMPACT ON MINORITIES**

Establishing the Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to identify, study, report on, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission to hold at least two public hearings before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 342 Delegates Carey and Davis****MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS – PROMOTION – SALES**

Authorizing a supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of chance at the retail service station under specified circumstances; prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

BR, § 10-502 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 343 Delegate K. Young, et al****PROCUREMENT – EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATES – REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a specified contractor unless the contractor has a specified equal pay certificate or a specified written exemption; requiring a specified contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a specified application fee and a specified statement; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 4-356 and SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-809 - added and SF, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 344 Delegates Afzali and C. Howard****VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL PARTY AND PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY ELECTION, CAUCUS, OR CONVENTION**

Requiring that voter registration applications used in the State to register to vote or to change specified information for a registered voter include a specified statement concerning registration with a political party and the voter's right to participate in primary elections, caucuses, or conventions for a political party; authorizing the continued use of specified voter registration applications after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EL, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 345 Delegate Dumais, et al****CIVIL ACTION – WRONGFULLY SELLING OR FURNISHING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Providing that a civil action for specified damages may be brought under specified circumstances against an alcoholic beverages licensee or the licensee's employee who sells or furnishes alcoholic beverages to an individual who was visibly under the influence of alcoholic beverages and who negligently drove or attempted to drive a motor vehicle after consuming the alcoholic beverages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2105 - added and § 5-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 346 Delegate Carter, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS – PROHIBITION**

Authorizing a specified authorized provider to conduct research in the State with specified controlled dangerous substances not scheduled under federal law under specified circumstances; listing synthetic cannabinoids on Schedule I to designate controlled dangerous substances that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed; defining a specified term; requiring the Department of State Police to report to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 5-101(ff), 5-304, and 5-402(d) - amended and § 5-101(ff) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 347 Delegate Carter, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE OR WHILE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED – PENALTIES**

Altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended under specified provisions of State law; altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state under specified circumstances; and altering the maximum penalty for driving on a highway without a license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 27-101(c) and (y) - amended and § 27-101(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 348 Delegate Carter, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING WHILE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED – PRISON SENTENCE REPEAL**

Repealing the prison sentence for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended under specified provisions of State law relating to the lapse of required security, noncompliance with traffic citations, and nonpayment of fines; and repealing the prison sentences for driving a motor vehicle while a person's license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state for failure to comply with a specified notice to appear in court or to pay a specified fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 27-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 349 Delegate Grammer, et al****EDUCATION – CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES (JAVA ACT)**

Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of caffeinated beverages in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in a public high school in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-423.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 350 Delegate Anderson, et al****COURTS – CIVIL ACTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CONDUCT – NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**

Providing that a plaintiff in a civil action against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency for injuries resulting from law enforcement officer misconduct may not be required, as a part of a settlement of the civil action, to agree not to disclose to a third party information about the action; providing a specified immunity for a violation of a specified settlement agreement; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 351 Delegate Grammer, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – GOVERNMENT DRONE USE – LIMITATIONS**

Requiring the use of a drone by an agent of the State or a political subdivision of the State to fully comply with all specified applicable federal requirements and guidelines; prohibiting an agent of the State or a political subdivision of the State from operating a drone for the purpose of receiving or disclosing information acquired through the operation of a drone except in specified circumstances; providing exceptions to the prohibition against the use of specified drones and the acquisition and disclosure of specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 1-203.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 352 Delegate Ghrist, et al****OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AUDITS – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that the Office of Legislative Audits conduct audits of local school systems at least once every 6 years; repealing the requirement for the Legislative Auditor to appoint professional staff to conduct audits of local school systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 2-1219(c), 2-1220(e), and 2-1224(g)(7) through (9) - repealed and § 2-1223(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 353 Delegate Reznik, et al****REORGANIZATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT**

Reorganizing State procurement by establishing a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee all State procurement activity for which specified provisions of law apply; repealing the definition and role of primary procurement units; authorizing the Board of Public Works to require Board approval for procurement actions of \$500,000 or more; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to retain oversight of specified procurements that are conducted under specified authority or do not require specified Board approval; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

SF, Various Sections - amended and §§ 12-107 and 12-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 354 Delegate Kramer****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY**

Clarifying that the director of a corporation must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CA, §§ 2-401(a), 2-405.1, and 8-601.1 and CJ, § 5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 355 Delegate Jones, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Establishing Workforce Development Sequence grants and scholarships; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to disburse grants to community colleges in the State in order for specified community colleges to award scholarships to students who are enrolled in a Workforce Development Sequence and demonstrate financial need; requiring the Governor annually to include \$2,000,000 in the State budget for the Workforce Development Sequence grants; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, §§ 18-3101 through 18-3107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 356 Delegate Pendergrass, et al****SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS – EXCLUSION OF SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND OTHER NONNUTRITIOUS FOODS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to request permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to exclude sugar-sweetened beverages and, at the Department's discretion, other nonnutritious foods from the food items that may be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and requiring, on or before January 1, 2017, and every 6 months thereafter, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 357 Delegate Afzali****FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Requiring notice of a claim against Frederick County under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to be given to the county solicitor or county attorney.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 358 Delegate Jacobs, et al****KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Kent County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that the Director submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CP, § 10-233.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 359 Delegates Dumais and B. Wilson****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGES AGAINST CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REVIEW BY STATE’S ATTORNEY**

Altering a definition to make specified provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against a correctional officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-608 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 360 Delegate Jalisi, et al****MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR ORPHANS AND FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS**

Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients; requiring an applicant to be employed full-time by the State or a county or municipality of the State, have received a graduate, professional, or undergraduate degree from an institution of higher education in the State, and meet other requirements as specified; providing an award under the Program of 10% of the eligible individual’s higher education loan debt for each year the individual qualifies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 18-3101 through 18-3106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 361 Delegate Jones, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING**

Altering the calculation of the required funding amount for community colleges including the Baltimore City Community College in specified fiscal years.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(i) and 16-512(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 362 Delegate Holmes****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – STUDY OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM – CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME**

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, the Public Service Commission, and other specified entities to study the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a specified solar photovoltaic system at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; and requiring the Department to submit a report of specified findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 363 Delegates Knotts and Glass****PUBLIC HEALTH – SMART METERS – REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene jointly to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018, on the public health impact of smart meter deployment in the State; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department, to select and retain an independent expert, who is not an employee of the State, to prepare a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 364**    **Delegate Dumais, et al**

**PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – MINORS – SEALING  
OF COURT RECORDS**

Authorizing a specified individual to file a motion requesting that court records relating to a specified petition for emergency evaluation be sealed; requiring the court to have a copy of the motion served on a specified petitioner at a specified address; authorizing the court to order that specified court records be sealed under specified circumstances; etc.

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HG, § 10-630 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations